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Rooms with a view

Mohrfeld's developments fit a niche FM housing need

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Twenty-seven homes in three years.

Michael Mohrfeld will tell you he just builds as he sells, but a look at the Woodland Heights project he's building right on top of the bluff above Bluff Road in Fort Madison says he's got a bit more in mind.

And this isn't just a man filling a market, he's not sparing a lot of expense.

"These places should have a quality of life factor," Mohrfeld said Friday morning, while a crew of about five framers crawled on the top section of his first duplex on the north side of the River View condominiums. A three-unit complex is already built at the top of a winding drive up Bluff Road and peeks out among the tree tops with a vast view of the tree-topped city below.

A pond on the north side of the development will



Woodland Estates is quickly becoming a reality for those looking for a more maintenance-free, low-hassle living style.

serve as a marquee anchor to the properties. Mohrfeld's putting in a cement ring around the south side of the pond, first as a safety measure in the unlikely event a car would get loose off the curb, but moreso as a place for future owners to get together if they choose.

"I think we'll probably put a fire ring in down there and let it serve as a gathering place. We're already putting some fish in there and we're gonna keep

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Green Oak Development owner, Michael Mohrfeld, shows the lower level space of one of the newly constructed River View Condominiums that are part of the Woodland Estates development project.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Suspect sought in Friday vehicle shooting on 61

Sheriff's dept. looking for person of interest

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Sheriff's Department is currently searching for a person of a interest in a shooting that occurred at about 5 p.m. north of Fort Madison on Highway 61 northbound just west of North Fork Road.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said deputies, with assistance from the Fort Madison police department, were on the lookout for a described vehicle with two male suspects, one of whom had shot at a passing motorist's vehicle. Upon investigation of the vehicle, authorities recovered a single bullet from the exterior of the vehicle.

No arrests have been made, but Sheriff Weber said he expects an arrest will be made in the near future.

"We don't need this kind of violence in Lee County. We'll push back hard," he said.

ISP officer injured in attack released from hospital

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - An Iowa State Penitentiary correctional officer injured in an attack early Wednesday morning has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home, according to a release from the Iowa State Penitentiary Friday afternoon.

The officer was assaulted with two homemade weapons and was originally taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital, but was then transferred to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by ambulance and was listed in stable condition. The name of the officer injured Wednesday as well as a separate injury to another officer that occurred over the weekend have not been released by ISP officials.

According the Wednesday release, the ISP continues in lockdown/restricted movement status as of today and prison officials have no plans to change that status as of this time.

"The investigation into this matter continues. So far,

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Obituaries/Sports

Fort Madison sends three to state at cross-country qualifier

BY PCC STAFF

SOLON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds put three cross-country runners into the state meet Oct. 28 in Fort Dodge after strong performances at the Solon Recreation and Nature Area.

FMHS senior Aaron Steffensmeier qualified with a flat 17:00 in the 5K event, good enough for 8th place overall in the race. Fellow seniors Sierra Howardson and Brett Schneider each qualified in the girls meet, finishing 9th and 10th with 19:50 and 20:03 times in that race.

Both Fort Madison boys' and girls' squads finished in 7th place overall in team scoring, which didn't qualify either team for the team state competition.

Claire Mendez finished in 36th place overall with a time of 21:40. Elizabeth Miller finished in 56th place with a time of 22:56, and Ashlynn Haas took 60th place overall with 23:13. Anna Kester followed with a 63rd-place finish with a time of 23:37 and Maddy McVey took 67th with a time of 23:57.

Fort Madison had 163 points overall to finish 7th behind Mt. Pleasant's 139. The Panthers' Abby Ryon had a top-five finish to also advance to state.

Dayne Cordray finished in 17th place overall with a time of 17:31 but didn't make the state cut. Nathan Steffensmeier finished in 37th place with a time of 18:11 and Elton Kruse finished at 18:34 good enough for 47th overall. Miguel Trejo finished at 19:13 good enough for 61st place with Owen Kruse at 62nd with a time of 19:19 and Noah Sissel finished at 19:35.

Fort Madison finished with 170 points good enough for 7th place, 24 points behind 6th place Mt. Pleasant. The Panther's Cody Mertens took 2nd overall at the qualifier with a time of 16:28.

The state race will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28 with the girls starting at noon and the boys meet to start at 12:30. Matt Hellige of Holy Trinity will run at 2:30 p.m. with all three races being run at the Lakeside Municipal Golf Course.

ISP visits, phone systems still suspended after attack

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there are no indications that the incident that occurred on Saturday is related to Wednesday's assault. However, both offenders have ties to groups affiliated with White Supremacy. The institution is conducting thorough searches of all areas of the facility as well as plans are

being drafted for modifications to Housing Unit One where Wednesday's assault occurred. Staffing plans are also being evaluated.

Visits continue to be suspended and the offenders are unable to access the phone system at this time.

OBITUARIES

DWIGHT "PEEWEE" SCOTT

Dwight "Pee wee" Scott, 56, of Dallas City, IL passed away on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 3:15 AM at his home.



SCOTT

He was born on January 28, 1961 in Ft. Madison, IA to Carlton and Irene Meierotto Scott. Pee wee married Beth Scott and they later divorced. He enjoyed being outdoors and especially loved hunting, fishing and hunting mushrooms. Pee wee also enjoyed cooking, DIY projects and also volunteered for the Lomax Food Bank.

Survivors include his mother, Irene Scott of Ft. Madison; a son, Allen Scott of Davenport; three sisters, Carla (Mark) Cody of Roanoke, VA, Rhonda (Richard) Gonzales of Ft. Madison and Michelle Scott of Ft. Madison; his companion, Amy Swisher of Dallas City, IL; his former wife, Beth Scott of Davenport; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his Father and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established for his son, Allen and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

10/19/17 - 2:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of 15th Street.
 10/19/17 - 2:29 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 15th Street.
 10/19/17 - 5:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism, reported at the police department.
 10/20/17 - 12:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Bryan Keith Morehouse, Jr., 32, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Ave. J on a charge of simple domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 10/20/17 - 12:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Rebecca Boe, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Ave. J on a charge of simple domestic abuse

assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's report

10/19/17 - 2:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Lee Davis, 37, of Keokuk, in the 3000 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for 3rd degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 10/19/17 - 5:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Dustan Mills, 31, of Cedar Rapids, no location given, on two warrants for 2nd degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 10/19/17 - 5:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alexandria Victoria Craig, 43, of Fort Madison, at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, on a charge of domestic abuse assault.

She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/20/17 - 3:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Henry Wilson, 36, of Fort Madison in the 6000 block of Avenue O on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

10/18/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three lift assists.
 10/19/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one smoke call,
 10/20/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

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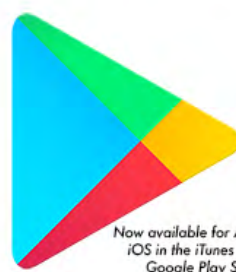


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Megaplier: 2



10/21
14 41 42 45 69
Powerball: 4
Power Play: 2

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10/21
6 8 21 40 42
Hot Ball: 18
Sizzler: 3



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10/20 EVENING
6 8 1

10/21 MID-DAY
2 4 7
10/21 EVENING
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Sports

Bloodhounds get most out of final quarter of season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Despite a lopsided 63-15 loss to visiting Washington, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds ended their season on a couple high notes.

Senior running back Alex Gully set a new single-season rushing record with 1,355 yards on the season and senior Caleb Gehle, who typically gets around with leg and/or arm braces, a walker or wheelchair, but has been on the sidelines all year, took a handoff and shuffled into the endzone for a 2-point conversion.

After Alex Gully bulled his weigh in from two yards out for the Hounds first score of the night in the first quarter, Gehle came onto the field in the backfield. Quarterback Lennon Barker handed Gehle the ball with Bloodhound fans cheering him on and he moved in over the right tackle for

the score, with his father Mike standing behind the west endzone, and his teammates coming out and surrounding him.

The Hounds kicked off and the Demons returned the ball to their own 41 and then Garrett Ikerd took the next handoff down the left sideline for a touchdown. But the Hounds weren't going to be done as Gully still had some work to do to get the record and Head Coach Tony Shiffman left him in.

"I told the kids before the game we we're going to play the seniors and he was close," Shiffman said.

Gully carried on six of the next seven plays with the clock in continuous mode due to Washington having a 35-point lead or larger. Gully carried for 52 yards on the six carries to notch the record and put the Hounds at the Demons' 7. After two incompletions, Barker hooked up with Trey Kuntz on the left sideline and Kuntz was

able to fight into the endzone for the Hounds final score of the season.

Gully said reaching the record was important to him, but he said finishing the game with the players he has played with since he was a kid was more important.

"I knew it was close and I wanted to get it because I hope to keep playing football somewhere, but I was just happy to be able to finish with these guys I've been playing with all this time," Gully said.

Gehle said he was confused throughout the season as to whether or not he'd get in a game, but was told this week that they would try to get him in if an opportunity presented itself.

"This is something that I've wanted to do for a long time, and I'm really happy that it worked out. I was confused up until this week but then they fitted me for a helmet and I put the pads on. It was just awesome."

Washington, who will make the playoffs after going 8-1 on the season with



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS senior Caleb Gehle was able to score a 2-point conversion for the Hounds on Friday night. Gehle, who walks with leg braces and typically a walker, suited up for the final home game of the season.

the only loss coming to Solon, showed how good they were in the first half when 6'4" Jaivonn Willis stole a high toss over FMHS's Shance Redd-Donald and scampered 45 yards for a touchdown on the third play from scrimmage.

The Demons were able to score on the ground and through the air on each

possession and didn't have a single punt in the game, but did turn the ball over on downs on one occasion.

Senior Ryan Reighard scored on the ground three times for the Demons. Reighard has been off the offense since fracturing his forearm early in the season. Sophomore Luke Turner threw for three touchdowns, two to Willis, and Jack Redlinger also scored on a long run. Senior linebacker Tanner Murphy scored on a 36-yard fumble recovery to round out the scoring for the Demons.

"This is just a very good, very fast football team," Shiffman said. "You look at their first two or three

scores we had someone right there, we just didn't make the plays. This team just needs to learn how to make those plays in games like this. I've been saying it all year."

Gully finished with 233 yards on 41 carries to lead the Hounds offensively. Barker finished 7 of 22 for 38 yards and a touchdown. For the year he went 95 of 204 for 1,228 yards, 13 TDs and six picks. Harley Pennamon had seven tackle assists and a solo tackle to lead the Hounds defensively. Sheymouhr Redd-Donald and Nick Carter each had three solo tackles for Fort Madison.

The Hounds end the season at 4-5.

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From the Front/Weather

Design phase made view of city, river a priority

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stocking it.”
But the pond is just part of the eye-candy provided with being on top of the city in the newest condo development by Green Oak Development, Mohrfelds’ company that’s been responsible for more than

20 new homes on 33rd Avenue in Fort Madison and a handful in West Point.
Mohrfeld said he started building the homes because he was hearing a need for the homes while dealing with contractors

as part of the Mohrfeld Electric Company.
“I just kept listening to people see that this community needed new housing,” he said. “I think what I was hearing was that a lot of people were settling for homes that were older because that’s all that was on the market. They said someone needed to take a risk and well... I decided to take the risk.”

So Mohrfeld started building homes on the south side of Bluff Road in the 3000 block. As he started planning for the construction, he started planning \$125K to \$150K homes on a slate foundation, trying to keep the prices affordable. But when he started showing the homes, people said they loved what he was doing, but they wanted basements. So he changed up the designs and started including basements, which pushed the price on some of the homes, but he was still having success selling them.

He said a lot of the purchases aren’t new families moving into the area, but current residents looking not at downsizing, but trying to find something newer with less maintenance and upkeep re-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Michael Mohrfeld stands across from the first full River View Condominium built as part of Woodland Estates on top of the bluff overlooking Fort Madison Friday morning. The units are now for sale in turn-key or custom-built models.

quired. He targets the 55 and over demographic

The new development on top of the bluff will incorporate a homeowners association fee that will take care of all maintenance and upkeep of the neighborhood.

Mohrfeld said that would amount to \$175 per month, \$50 of which would be for insurance on the building itself. Condominium owners would need to carry their own insurance policy on the interior furnishings. The condos start at just over \$300k.

The condos range from two to three-car garages. There will ultimately be three tri-plexes on the southside of the development and two duplexes in the multi-family unit part of the development. West of that construction will ultimately be single-fami-

ly units, but Mohrfeld said he won’t start those until the other condos are sold.

On the way up the road a cul-de-sac has been leveled and planned on the northeast part of the property where homes will face the turn around with rear facing views of the west side of Fort Madison. From that vantage point homeowners will be able to see all the way to the industrial tract by Siemens and Climax Molybdenum.

Inside, the condos are open floor designs with large 9-foot windows to take advantage of the lofty view of Fort Madison and the Mississippi River. Open kitchen designs feature island sink set ups with full size pantry closets and quartz countertops. Master bedrooms are on the walk-in main floor with private seated

showers and dual sinks. And although the completed unit is ready staging and viewing, future condominiums can be custom-built tailored to personal tastes and needs.

All the units have an upper wooden deck and lower stamped-concrete patio out of the lower floors. Large storage areas, a full open living section, and have two to three bedrooms on the lower floor. A utility/laundry room is located nicely on the main floor near the entrance with an entry way off the master bath for efficiency.

He is holding an open house on Saturday, Oct 28-30th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., where several of the units in the first completed condos will be ready for viewing with information available on the development site.

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SUN 22 Oct
Heavy Intensity Rain
High – 49.9° F | Low – 44.9° F

MON 23 Oct
Clear Skies
High– 59.7° F | Low – 45.3° F

TUE 24 Oct
Light Rain
High– 42.9° F | Low – 40.1° F

WED 25 Oct
Light Rain
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THU 26 Oct
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